GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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DATAPOST PROJECT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have started Datapost-2001 project under Department of Posts in the country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States where facility of Datapost-2001 is available and the time by which this facility would be made available in all the States;

(d) whether the Government have fixed any target to generate revenue from this facility; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b)&(c): Data Post 2001, as a premium product, was announced on 14.11.2000 to start as a pilot project in the cities of Bangalore in the State of Karnataka and Hyderabad in the State of Andhra Pradesh.This is a new initiative from the Department of Posts to compile a national level household and business database, which will enable corporates to establish markets in these cities. The facility will be available in all States in a phased manner.

(d)&(e): No target has been fixed for this product, for revenue generation as it is still in the pilot stage.